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SUBJECT Russian Order of Battle in the Halle-Merseburg Area

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ORIGIN

SUPPLEMENT

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Hettstedt (D64)

1. During the evening of 12 October 1946, a large armored and artillery column passed through Hettstedt in the direction of the British Zone border. It included Stalinorgeln, new Tiger and T-34 tanks, and artillery of 76.2, 122 and 172 (sic) mm. The crew of the 76.2 gun consisted of one officer and ten EM.

Halle (D92)

2. The Halle-Merseburg area (D92-91) contains a heavy concentration of armored and artillery troops, among them the 1st Artillery Division. A headquarters, believed to belong to a corps, is located in the former German Signal Communications School in Halle. Troops at this headquarters, like the majority in the area, wear black and red shoulder straps. There is another headquarters and a PX at Merseburg.
3. An unspecified number of EM in the Halle area are working in factories and attending night school. These troops are not allowed to mingle with local civilians and are restricted to their barracks except when they are issued two-hour passes. Officers, it is claimed are very security conscious. All personnel attend anti-espionage and anti-American propaganda courses twice weekly.

Saalfeld (J53)

4. Troop strength is estimated at 3,000 men. Large numbers of recruits from the U.S.S.R. are being shipped to this area. Maneuvers are being held in Kreis Arnstadt.

Jena (J66)

5. Troop strength is reported to be 25,000 men.

Rudolstadt (J54)

6. Soviet troops now at Weimar are to be transferred to Rudolstadt.

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Border Control

7. The Soviet-British line is loosely guarded. On the Soviet-American line, guards have been quadrupled. Stalin Pupils are being employed in this work.

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